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## City denies mask enforcement

By Taylor Messick

In a split vote Nov. 17, the Bel Aire City Council turned down a resolution that would have allowed the police department to issue fines between \$250 and \$500 for noncompliance with Sedgwick County health orders.

Police Chief Darrell Atte-

berry did not take a position on the resolution when asked about enforcement. He said discretion would be used by his department if these penalties were made enforceable. He expressed concerns over situations he has seen in the national media regarding unruly citizens who had to be arrested after refusing to comply

with police officers attempting to enforce similar orders. He was also concerned about the potential for residents calling and reporting each other for not wearing masks and having to mitigate each situation.

Atteberry said he has not had issues getting people to comply with wearing masks in Bel Aire

but said a penalty could potentially be an effective deterrent if the situation arose.

"Having another tool in the toolbox is usually a good thing," said Atteberry.

To help curb the spread of the coronavirus, Sedgwick County put into place Nov. 14 tighter restrictions on bars, restaurants and

mass gatherings. The new order also requires masks when social distancing is not possible, and it directs businesses and organizations to inform the public of the mask requirement.

The order is in effect until Dec. 31. Enforcement was to start Nov.

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Courtesy photos

Buddy Hield talks about his time at Sunrise Christian Academy during a jersey retirement ceremony in late October at the school.

## Where it started

### Basketball star has love for Sunrise

By Luke Barnwell

On Oct. 24, Sunrise Christian Academy had a madness to kick off the basketball season.

The SCA high school team is currently ranked No. 2 in the country and performed in front of family and fans, show-

casing the new team. However, there was a pleasant surprise that evening. SCA alum and current member of the Sacramento Kings, Buddy Hield, was in attendance. Yes, he came to support his old school, coaches and the new team, but there was a bigger reason he was summoned back to Bel Aire.

SCA did an official jersey retirement ceremony for Buddy, who played at SCA from 2010



Buddy Hield, a member of the Sacramento Kings NBA basketball team, is pictured with coach Luke Barnwell.

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Courtesy photo

Ty Lasher accepts the Buford Award from Kathy Sexton.

## Manager receives prestigious city award

By Taylor Messick

Bel Aire City Manager Ty Lasher was presented with the Buford Watson Jr. Award by Kathy Sexton of the Kansas Association of City/County Management on Nov. 17. This is the state's highest honor in the city and county management profession.

The award is given each year by KACM to a local government manager who has displayed the attributes of the late Buford M. Watson Jr. (former city manager of Lawrence). Managers who are selected serve as role models in dealing with constituents, valuing customer satisfaction and encouraging new members of the profession. Lasher is just the second manager to be selected from the Wichita area in 22 years of the award.

"(Watson) served his community from 1970 until his death in 1989," said Sexton. "He was known for encouraging innovation and providing visionary leadership to his elected officials, his staff and the residents. His legacy that most people know about is downtown Lawrence, which is still today one of the most vibrant and energetic downtowns in the entire country. He helped guide the city through a period of unprecedented growth and was appreciated so much they named a park after him. But his legacy among his

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## City buys police radios with virus funds

By Taylor Messick

On Nov. 3, the Bel Aire City Council supported the allocation of some of its CARES Act funding with a 4-0 vote. A portion of the funds will be used to purchase 18 mobile radios for the police department.

Finance director Ted Henry said the department's current

radios are outdated to the point where the city is running the risk of being unable to communicate with Sedgwick County emergency services. The current radios are over 10 years old. Henry said the department generally uses its equipment until it fails and has saved money by taking slightly used equipment from other departments.


"If we don't buy equipment that is compatible with Wichita and Sedgwick County, we do a disservice to our own citizens," said Mayor Jim Benage. "These sister agencies back up our own police force. ... Our police department also backs up these sister forces when needed. Communication is necessary for this to work efficiently and effectively."

Henry looked at different vendors but found that Motorola was close to the best price and easily provided the best product. Police Chief Darrell Atteberry noted that his preference was for Motorola equipment because it is compatible with Sedgwick County's computer-aided dispatch system.

The staff believes this purchase is eligible for CARES Act

funding because it falls under the category of a technological improvement that increases employee health and safety. The department currently has 13 portable radios that are shared among officers. Staff said sharing equipment increases the risk of spreading COVID-19 and Henry

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Mayor's corner

By Jim Benage

There is more good news on land sales:

•On Nov. 3, the city's Land Bank sold 79 acres just north of Terre Verde for \$672,000. This is a two-contract deal. One closes right away and one closes in 2022.

•On Nov. 21, the Public Building Commission sold about 180 acres south of the railroad tracks between Webb and Greenwich. This is just under \$1.35 Million. The money will go to reduce debt. In rough numbers, it will reduce our annual debt service obligations about \$110,000. There are too many details to elaborate here. This was an auction that was approved by PBC. The sale price is a good market price for this land that currently has no utilities.

That's \$3,518,000 in land sales in the last three months.

On back flow preventers, more good news. Code enforcement reports over 96 percent compliance (up from 30% in 2018). That's very good work on the part of Bel Aire citizens and code enforcement. You did an awesome job. High compliance protects our clean water.

On Nov. 3, the city council reduced some of the unnecessary burden that our ordinance required.

Now, testing has to be done by June 1 of even numbered years. So, the 96 percent who were certified as compliant in 2020 don't have to test again until 2022. Rebuilds are only required when there is a failure. No longer every five years. I know of one that lasted 15 years without a failure, so that's a good relief for citizens. However, for these new rules to work, we must have a high level of compliance.

Please read this month's "Did You Know" section of The Breeze. This has important information on how sewer charges are determined on your water bill.

Many of you may have heard that former Mayor Harold Smith passed away on Sept. 25. We issued a proclamation for Harold Smith Day in his honor on Nov. 1. Also, on Nov. 2, one of the founding council members of Bel Aire, Delbert Hinckle, passed away. I was fortunate to meet Mr. Hinckle at the 40th anniversary celebration earlier this year.

COVID-19 vaccination: Residents in south central Kansas, including Sedgwick County, are asked to complete an anonymous survey to estimate how many people will get a COVID-19 vaccine. Take the five- to 10-minute online survey here: <https://www.survey-monkey.com/r/SCK-COVID19>

Survey responses will help the Sedgwick County Health Department plan for COVID-19 vaccine distribution and information.

Please continue to be safe. Wash hands often. Practice six-foot distance and wear a mask when in public/close contact with others. Let's continue to support each other.

May each and everyone have a very blessed celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ this Christmas.

It is an honor to serve as your mayor.

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Council makes changes to backflow requirements

By Taylor Messick

Changes for Bel Aire's backflow inspection and rebuild requirements were approved Nov. 3. Backflow devices are required to protect potable water supplies from contamination or pollution.

The majority of the discussion around this item stemmed from whether the city should require backflow inspections every year or every other year. Staff recommended continuing to require inspections every year as the city currently does.

However, council members Justin Smith, Jeff Elshoff and John Welch thought every-year inspections were too much of a burden on residents. City attorney Jacqueline Kelly said staff's main concerns with an every other year requirement were inconsis-

tency with surrounding cities and lesser compliance.

"The messaging side of it is the confusion," said Kelly. "The compliance person is pretty worried about your lawn service guy coming out and not remembering that Bel Aire is every other year and charging you anyway. If people say they got one last year and want an exemption that makes it harder to manage. And in (the compli-

ance person's) research, it seemed like the cities who did it every other year had less compliance than those that did it every year."

Mayor Jim Benage commended code enforcement and noted that compliance has raised from 30 percent to 96 percent since 2018 under every year inspections. Council members Smith, Elshoff and Welch said they thought the residents would get used to

an every other year system over time. The language now states that inspections need to occur before June 1 on even years.

Another notable change is in regards to rebuild requirements. Backflow devices were previously required to be rebuilt every five years. Now, the city will allow them to go until failure or until a city inspector deems them defective.

construction and doing all of that work."

Wichita has already paid MKEC to design the improvements and are hiring Garver for construction observation. The designs Wichita obtains will be included in the total construction bid for the project. Stephens said bidding should occur soon.

Bel Aire agrees to Woodlawn reimbursement

By Taylor Messick

An agreement between the City of Bel Aire and the City of Wichita for reimbursement on a portion of the Woodlawn expansion project was approved Nov. 17. The two cities have worked together on a similar agreement in the past.

Wichita has a water

main that needs to be relocated as a part of this project. Since Bel Aire is also moving water and sewer mains out of the right-of-way for the Woodlawn expansion, Wichita asked for its smaller portion to be included in the construction bids Bel Aire will obtain. Bel Aire will then be reimbursed for Wichita's

portion of the costs.

City engineer Anne Stephens said she and city attorney Jacqueline Kelly met with Wichita's engineer and attorney to draft this agreement. She also said it is something the cities have done before.

"This is similar to the 37th Street project, which Wichita handled," said Stephens. "We actually

relocated a water main under Wichita's spot but they handled the design, bidding and construction observation. They handled pretty much everything and we just wrote them a check when it was all done. It's a very similar situation with Woodlawn but this time its Bel Aire that is doing the design, bidding the

construction and doing all of that work."

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CHURCH HIGHLIGHTS

Christ Lutheran-ELCA

Christ Lutheran is located at 53rd North and Hillside, across from Wichita Heights High School.

Each Sunday we have two worship services. The 9 a.m. service is a contemporary service. The 10:30 a.m. virtual online service is more traditional.

As always, everyone is welcome at the Lord's Table in our worship services.

For more information about the church and its activities, find us online at [www.christ-lutheran.org](http://www.christ-lutheran.org), on Facebook, or call us at 744-1242.

Chad Langdon is the pastor.

Church of the Resurrection

Church of the Resurrection (Roman Catholic) is located at 4910 N. Woodlawn in Bel Aire.

Masses for the Lord's day are 5:30 p.m. Saturday and 8:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday. Weekday masses are at 8 a.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

Resurrection Catholic School has students from preschool through eighth grade.

The parish/school website is [www.resurrectionwichita.com](http://www.resurrectionwichita.com), and the telephone number is 744-2776.

The Rev. Michael J. Schemm is the pastor.

Community Bible Chapel

Community Bible Chapel is located at the corner of 45th North and Auburn.

If you have any questions about our church, please call Amy Smith at 323-2819.

Cornerstone Christian

Cornerstone Christian Church is at 5531 E. 37th North, Wichita KS 67220-2037. The phone number is 686-0208.

Sunday worship is at 10:15 a.m. A nursery is provided.

Wednesday study groups at 6:30 p.m. include adult studies, youth and Awana.

Cornerstone Christian Church will host a free family fun event from 4 to 6 p.m. the third Saturday of each month. See you there.

Pastor is Jim Rackham, and youth pastor is Tate Strasner.

Gospel Assembly

Located at 4230 N. Oliver in Bel Aire, Sunday services are 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Prayer service is at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

Praise and worship is at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Youth activities are on the first Saturday evening of each month.

Phone number is 744-1502. The Rev. Gary D. Green is the pastor.

Greenwich United Methodist

Greenwich UMC at 5500 N. Greenwich Road is one mile south of K-254 and five miles north of 21st North.

Sunday worship is at 9 a.m. with Life Studies for all ages from 10 to 10:30.

Pastor Paula Scott is available at the church each Wednesday for prayer and fellowship.

United Methodist Women meet at 10 a.m. the first Wednesday of each month and host a church brunch quarterly.

Special events are announced on the church sign, Facebook and by mailings. Please call to be

added to our mailing list or email [shagemeister@sbcglobal.net](mailto:shagemeister@sbcglobal.net).

Greenwich UMC missions support large local charities like Open Door, Grace Med or Youthville, as well as small charities like Flint Hills Therapeutic Riding Center and Wichita Children's Home, to name a few.

Like us on Facebook at Wichita Greenwich United Methodist Church. Call us at 744-0203.

Kechi United Methodist

Located at 4533 E. 61st North in Kechi. Sunday worship is at 9:03 a.m. (contemporary) and 11 (traditional), with Sunday school at 10.

Bingo is at 1 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month.

Men's Bible study is at 6:30 a.m. Wednesdays.

Our pastor is Michelle Gowin. Find us online at [www.KechiUMC.org](http://www.KechiUMC.org) and "Like" us on Facebook.

The church phone number is 744-1221.

LifePoint

A fellowship of the Assemblies of God, LifePoint is located at 400 S. Abilene in Valley Center.

Life University/Sunday school meets at 9 a.m., with Kids Church at 10:30. There is no regular Sunday night service. For special activities, check online at [www.lpcag.org](http://www.lpcag.org).

Wednesday evening's Launch children's program is at 6:30 p.m., with Velocity Student Ministries for youth meets at 7.

Adult small groups meet throughout the community.

Senior pastor is Steve Rains. Youth pastor is Jacob Soye. Children's

pastor is Nathaniel Thurman. Call the church at 755-2331.

Risen Savior Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod

Located at 6770 E. 34th North in northeast Wichita.

You can reach us at 683-5538 or via email at [postmaster@risensavior.net](mailto:postmaster@risensavior.net).

Sunday morning services in our Worship Center are at 8 and 10:30, with a nursery and Children's Church during the 10:30 service. We provide adult Bible classes and children's Sunday school beginning at 9:15 a.m.

Each month we provide options to participate in a variety of Bible studies, fellowship and service opportunities for all ages.

Find us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter — search RisenSaviorICT!

Find out everything Risen Savior has to offer on our website [www.risensavior.net](http://www.risensavior.net).

Senior pastor is Tom Harmon. Assistant pastor is Nick Cordt.

Saint Michael Western Orthodox Christian

Saint Michael's Orthodox Christian Church is at 2710 E. 61st North, Park City.

It is a congregation of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America.

Worship with us Sunday Adult Class at 9 a.m., morning prayer at 9:45 a.m. and Holy Eucharist at 10 a.m., and Wednesday Holy Eucharist at 6 p.m.

Men's Bible study group meets at 7 p.m. on the first and third Monday.

Women's Bible study group meets at 10 a.m.

on the second and fourth Friday.

Wednesday service is at 6 p.m.

Saturday Vespers are at 4:30 p.m.

The Very Rev. Dr. John Flora is archpriest and pastor. The Rev. Deacon Basil Anderson is assistant. Frank Tritschler is head chanter. Readers are James Finneran and Moses Rothenberger. Mrs. Sally Buxon is organist.

For more information call 734-6248 or go online [www.saintmichaelorthodoxchurch.com](http://www.saintmichaelorthodoxchurch.com). Email inquiries to [jjflora@icloud.com](mailto:jjflora@icloud.com).

Wichita Three Angels Seventh-day Adventist

Located at 4558 N. Hydraulic, Wichita.

Birger Draget is pastor. Sabbath school at 9:30 a.m. with worship service at 11.

For more information, go online at [www.godscloset.com](http://www.godscloset.com) or on Facebook (Gods Closet - Wichita).

For God's Closet, call 778-0474.

Send your church's upcoming events and service times to [legals@arkvalleynews.com](mailto:legals@arkvalleynews.com) or call 755-0821.

Hield

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to 2012.

Buddy went on to the University of Oklahoma and became a star, winning Big 12 player of the year twice, Sporting News and Naismith National Player of the Year, and an ESPY for Best Male College Athlete. His stellar performance at OU led him to the NBA, where he was drafted No. 6 overall to the New Orleans Pelicans in 2016. His most recent success was becoming the 2020 NBA three-point shootout champion. On Oct. 24, Buddy was put to the test against the SCA three-point champion, Gradey Dick, and lost.

The night was much more than Buddy making a few three-point shots in the contest. In Buddy's defense, he was shooting in a very nice suit he wore for the ceremony. It was a very special night and an emotional time where the Sunrise Chris-

tian family was able to wrap their metaphorical arms around the kid that stepped on campus as a young fiery 16-year-old from Freeport, Bahamas.

This kid, who credited the Sunrise teachers, administration and coaches, is now a man who appreciates and loves the little Christian school in Bel Aire that changed his life.

Now his name and jersey will be in the gym forever because SCA is just as grateful to him. Many times Buddy and the SCA family were in tears of gratitude for each other, making this a night many will never forget.

Luke Barnwell is men's basketball head coach at Sunrise Christian Academy.

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HIGHLIGHTS

Police search for snake

Police searched, but the snake must have gotten away.

On Nov. 8, a woman called Bel Aire police to report that a small snake was in her apartment in the 5700 block of North Lycee. She wanted police to remove it.

Two officers arrived about 12:30 p.m. and looked for the snake, which was reportedly last seen in a back bedroom. Officers moved items around in the room, but couldn't find the snake, which was described as six to eight inches long with black and green markings.

— The Breeze staff

Vehicle, jar of coins stolen

The vehicle wasn't enough.

On Oct. 18, a resident in the 8500 block of East Chris called police to report that his ex-girlfriend stole his vehicle while they were in Wichita. He told Bel Aire police that the woman then returned to his residence and stole a black and silver canister containing silver coins.

No arrests were made.

— The Breeze staff

Driver makes wrong turn

It was the wrong turn for the runaway.

Be Aire police were able to finally stop a vehicle on Fritillary Street Oct. 23 after the driver tried to

speed away from police. According to police, however, the driver admitted that he was trying to evade police but he turned down Fritillary, which is a dead-end street.

Police said the man was cited for speeding, improper turning, failing to yield to an emergency vehicle and window tinting violation.

— The Breeze staff

Student on winning team

Douglas Roberts of Wichita contributed to Simpson College's speech and debate team winning the 2020 Missouri Mule tournament last month at the University of Central Missouri. Roberts competed in Lincoln-Douglas debate.

Simpson College is located in Indianola, Iowa.

— The Breeze staff

Teen driver bluffs police

A teenage driver stopped for speeding in Bel Aire tried to fool police about her driver's license, but was unsuccessful, police said.

Just before noon on Nov. 13, a Bel Aire police officer stopped a vehicle for speeding in the 4100 block of North Oliver. The driver, who was 16, told the officer that she did not have her license with her. The officer discovered that the driver had never been licensed.

The driver then told police that she was taking her driver's license exam sometime in the near fu-



Courtesy photo

Recess equipment

President of the Bel Aire Lions Club Gary O'Neal, president of the Bel Aire Lions Club, presents a \$400 check to Laura Hupach, president of the Isely Elementary School PTO, to be used for recess equipment. With restrictions placed on elementary students in the classroom due to the COVID, there was a need for hands-on playground items.

ture. After hearing enough stories, the officer called the girl's father, who arrived to drive her home. The driver was issued a citation for the violations.

— The Breeze staff

Resting driver arrested

A Bel Aire resident called 911 on Oct. 28 to report a vehicle was parked outside of her residence in the 6000 block of East Danbury for about an hour and a half with its lights on and engine running. Bel Aire police located the vehicle, a silver Acura, and made contact with the occupant, who was asleep in the front driver seat.

The woman said she got lost and was nodding off while driving, so she

paused to take a nap. The woman said she did not have a driver's license, and she thought she had two warrants. Police checked. The woman had two warrants through Wichita and one warrant through Sedgwick County.

Abby Jean Alexander of Wichita was arrested on charges of contempt of court and failure to appear in court.

— The Breeze staff

Police stop driver, 12

The driver was young and the instructor was known to police.

On Nov. 13, a Bel Aire police officer saw a silver BMW SUV commit several moving violations in the 3900 block of North Edgemoor. Police stopped

the vehicle after the driver slammed on the brakes and turned in front of him, nearly causing a collision.

The officer said he was surprised to discover that the driver was a 12-year-old girl. She was getting driving instructions from a man known to the Bel Aire police who should not be giving anyone driving lessons, police said.

After some investigation, the man was cited for allowing a minor to operate a motor vehicle. The man was instructed to get the child back to her residence and give no further driving instructions.

— The Breeze staff

Officer bitten by suspect

A Park City woman accused of biting a police

officer was arrested Oct. 26 at her home in the 1600 block of East Frontenac.

Police went to the home to arrest Lindsay Slater on two Park City warrants. While police took her into custody, Slater is accused of resisting arrest, kicking and biting officers. She was booked into jail on the warrants as well as battery of a law enforcement officer and interference.

— The Breeze staff

Man cited in racetrack fight

A disturbance over a beer cup escalated into a large brawl at 81 Speedway on Nov. 7.

Park City and Valley Center police were called to the racetrack at 77th and Broadway about 7:45 p.m. when they received a report of 20 to 30 people fighting in the parking lot.

Police said the disturbance was over a customer leaving the track with a beer cup.

One person, who went back into the track and began fighting an employee, punching him in the face, was cited on a charge of battery.

— The Breeze staff

DEATH

**BARBARA MICHALSKI**  
Barbara A. Michalski, 89, of Bel Aire, died Nov. 23, 2020.



She was born June 8, 1941, in St. Louis where she lived most of her life. She attended Central Methodist College and worked for many years as a human relations supervisor and was a hospice volunteer.

She was preceded in death by her parents, W.A. and Mildred Shafer of St. Louis. Survivors include her husband, James J. Michalski of Bel Aire; daughter Kristine (Brian) Jones of Derby; stepdaughter Lisa (Stephan) Bouchard of Montreal; stepsons Jeffery (Patty) Michalski of Powell, Ohio, and Stepson David (Marisa) Michalski (Marisa) of Montreal; nine grandchildren and two great-grandsons.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Memorial donations to Hynes Memorial Hospice, 313 S Market St., Wichita KS 67202; Parkinson's Foundation, 200 SE 1st Street, Suite 800, Miami FL 33131; or Catholic Care Center, 6550 E 45th St N., Bel Aire, KS 67226. Downing & Lahey East Mortuary had charge.

Masks

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18, but the county left enforcement up to municipalities. Bel Aire has been the only city in north Sedgwick County so far to formally discuss the issue.

Atteberry noted that businesses already have the right to trespass customers. Those who cause bigger issues can also be charged with disorderly conduct. Atteberry said adding another tool would give the department the power to use any and all appropriate actions to deal with situations.

"We would appreciate cooperation from our citizens and those visiting our city to comply with the laws — but not everybody does," said Atteberry. "... It's not something we're going to go look for. But maybe in those special situations when those special people go into a business hacking and coughing and they refuse to leave and they're scaring the other customers — that could be the person we would write this for."

Another concern expressed by Atteberry was in regards to assistance from the county. He questioned what would happen if the department needed the county's help if a situation arose at a care facility or larger venue and the city was not supportive of the county's health initiatives. He said there are situations where his department could require assistance from the county and he would prefer

that to be available. Denial of this order could compromise the city's ability to ask for the county's help in enforcing health orders at large venues or handling those found in violation.

Mayor Jim Benage said he was against the resolution and urged the city to consider a different approach. He recommended a letter urging citizens to follow health orders and thanking them for doing so instead of creating a penalty.

Council member Jeff Elshoff disputed information from Sedgwick County Health Officer Dr. Garold Minns. He questioned the effectiveness of masks and said he had not seen enough data to prove that they help. Elshoff attended the meeting via Zoom because he recently tested positive for COVID-19.

Benage agreed with Elshoff.

"I understand the issue of people dying and that's tragic and it's sad and I wish it wasn't that way," Benage said. "We do know 97 percent of people who get this virus don't even go to the hospital. But what's happening is the three percent are overwhelming the hospitals and that's really bad and really tragic. ... I'm not trying to say that's OK. I'm not excusing it. But I do agree that we don't have the science behind this to make this kind of deci-

sion. We hear a lot that you have to follow the science. But in what I'm seeing, I don't think the science is there. I didn't vet it but I did see a graph that said those counties in Kansas that are mandating masks have double the increase rate of counties that haven't mandated masks. I don't know if that's valid and I don't want to tell you it's valid because I haven't vetted it and I wouldn't. But it is something that somebody put out there."

Council member Joel Schroeder has witnessed the seriousness of this virus on a daily basis. He was passionately in favor this resolution and said the city should do all that it can to help save every possible life.

"As someone who works in a hospital, I was sick with COVID," said Schroeder. "I was sick for a week and it wasn't the worst sickness I've probably ever had in my life. So maybe it would be very easy for me to say this is no big deal — that you'll be sick for awhile and then go on with your life. But unfortunately I have a much more personal connection with this. ... I am the one who has to sit with the family in the hospital while they are sitting outside a glass door watching a loved one die. I am the one that has to be there and say, 'No, you can't go visit your fam-

ily.' ... I work with nurses and doctors that are all just about ready to quit. ... If I can just keep one more person out of that hospital with COVID, I do not care how much I inconvenience you."

Council member Diane Wynn said she does not "believe this is city business."

Council member Justin Smith said he is in favor of wearing masks but did not support the resolution.

"In my mind, this is a completely different issue than whether or not people should wear masks," said Smith. "When I'm thinking about this, I just don't know that we have the need for additional help from Sedgwick County or the need to introduce additional complexity into our system of how we go about enforcing our laws. ... It's not that I don't think COVID is serious — it is. I know people are dying and I fully back council member Schroeder's sentiment and his comments. I just don't think this specific thing is something we should be looking at. ... I feel like the City of Bel Aire is doing what it can at this point — to encourage the mask wearing and fight COVID. I do know that the numbers are going

up and almost 25 percent of cases are positive. That's really bad and it's really high. ... I don't know what the right answer is there. I don't think doing this will make any difference in that number."

Council member John Welch voted in favor of the resolution with Schroeder. He said he noticed a substantial difference in the number of people wearing masks in public in Wichita after their initial order was lifted. He said he would rather not have to use law enforcement for this purpose and wishes people "would have done it out of basic regard for humanity."

"Wearing a mask is right," said Welch. "I believe you are not looking in the right places if you're not finding the data to support that. People should be wearing masks, and that's all there is to it. I think it's just rude when they don't. ... I was reading an article the other day about people in the hospital with COVID denying they had COVID even while they're dying of it. Up until the minute they take their last breath, 'No, I don't have COVID. COVID doesn't exist.' We have to find a way to teach people about COVID."

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# City of Bel Aire



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## Bel Aire Seniors

All SENIORS 55+ are cordially invited to all events listed below. The Senior Center and library area are open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. The library has a wide selection of books to check out with neither cost nor time restraints and computers are available for study or research. Any senior can belong to or attend more than one senior center/club in Sedgwick County.

### Locations

Senior Center / 7651 E. Central Park Ave. / 744-2451  
Recreation Center / 5251 E. 48th North / 744-2700

### Weekly Events

- Bel Aire Walkers** — Monday through Friday, 8 to 9 a.m., Rec Center
- Pickleball** — Monday and Friday, 9 to 11 a.m., Fridays 5 to 7 p.m. Rec Center, \$2/person or Rec membership
- Line Dance** — Monday and Friday, 1 p.m., City Hall, Community Room
- Zoom Line Dance** — Monday and Friday, 1 p.m., contact Sarah at 744-2700 or schristenson@belaireks.gov for more information
- Sew 'N' So More** — Monday, Wednesday & Friday, noon, Rec Center
- Dynamic Aging** — Tuesday and Thursday, 9 a.m., Rec Center. \$40 for four weeks or \$5 per class. Chris at 620-640-2104 for more info.
- Low Impact Aerobics** — Wednesday, 9 a.m., Rec Center
- Open Sewing** — Wednesday, 10 a.m., Rec Center

## Monthly & Special Events

- Dec. 1**, 10 a.m. — Making Custom Word Search Puzzles, Senior Center
- Dec. 2**, 10 a.m. — Volunteer Library Work Time, Senior Center
- Dec. 3**, 10:30 a.m. — Active Living Every Day Session 10, Rec Center
- Dec. 8**, 2 p.m. — Crafting Christmas Ornaments, Senior Center, RSVP Required to Sarah 744-2700 or schristenson@belaireks.gov
- Dec. 10**, 10:30 a.m. — Active Living Every Day Session 11, Rec Center
- Dec. 14**, 2:30 p.m. — Wii Price is Right, Senior Center, RSVP
- Dec. 15**, 2 p.m. — Stress Management Tips & Techniques, Rec Center
- Dec. 16**, 1:30 p.m. — Book Club Meeting, Senior Center
- Dec. 17**, 10:30 a.m. — Active Living Every Day Session 12, Rec Center
- Dec. 18**, 2:15 p.m. — Snack & Chat, Senior Center
- Dec. 22**, 1:30 p.m. — Holiday Bingo, Rec Center
- Dec. 23**, 2 p.m. — Christmas Musical Chairs Without the Chairs, Rec Center
- Dec. 24 & 25** — Christmas holiday, Senior Center closed
- Dec. 29** — TED Talk w/discussion, Bel Aire Rec Center
- Dec. 31 & Jan. 1** — New Year's holiday, Senior Center closed

The following annual licenses will expire Dec. 31, 2020:

- Animal / Pet License
- General Business License
- Home Business License.

Renew and pay for your license at [www.belaireks.gov](http://www.belaireks.gov) or call 744-2451 for more information.

Dog waste stations have been installed at the Recreation Center and other city parks to assist residents in being responsible pet owners. Most are responsible owners who obey Bel Aire's leash law and clean up after their own dogs. However, there are a few who don't. It is not the responsibility of city staff to clean up after residents' dogs. Please help us keep the grounds clean for everyone by cleaning up after your dog.



## DID YOU KNOW?

**Winter water leaks could affect your bills next year and Water and Sewer rates change every year in January**

**Sewer Rate** — An annual 3% rate increase occurs in January. Your sewer rate is calculated based on your "winter average consumption" (WAC). Your WAC is your average monthly water usage in **December, January & February**. **Water leaks at this time could significantly affect your sewer rate for the next year. Even a pinhole-sized water leak wastes 3,600 gallons per month!**

**Water Rate** — An annual 3% rate increase occurs in January, to offset inflation and fluctuating costs for providing water. Other rate increases may be approved as necessary. Bel Aire receives water from two organizations: the City of Wichita and Chisholm Creek Utility Authority (CCUA). When treatment costs rise for Wichita or CCUA, costs may be passed on to Bel Aire consumers.

**So repair leaks now. Free toilet leak test kits are available: call City Hall at 744-2451. For how to find leaks, see [www.smarthomewatguide.org](http://www.smarthomewatguide.org)**

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Contest will be held on the Bel Aire Recreation Facebook page. The entry with the most likes by December 21st @ noon will be deemed the winner.

## Bel Aire Recreation

### Hip-Hop Class (Grades K- 5)

This six-week program meets at 6 p.m. starting Jan. 19.

### Little Dribblerz\*

This skills and drills program is designed to introduce basketball to 4 & 5 yr. olds. The players will be divided into small groups and rotated through stations to learn basic skills. Starts Jan. 9. (fee: resident \$25 nonresident \$40)

### Youth Co-ed Basketball\*

For boys and girls in grades K through fifth. Registration deadline is Dec. 4 or until full, whichever comes first. Games and practices from December through February TBA. (fee: resident \$38 nonresident \$58)

### Holiday Hoops

Kids! Grab an adult and sign up for this free-throw contest. Winners of each age group will get a FREE Holiday Ham! Age groups 8 & under, 9-12 and 13-17 (Dec, 12 — different times for each age group).

### Taekwondo (ages 5 & up)

Classes meet Tuesday and Thursday at 6:30 p.m. These are great classes for beginners to black belts.

### Dynamic Aging

Is a class geared toward individuals aged 50+ to provide opportunities to practice a variety of movements in a safe environment.

Classes meet on Tuesday and Thursday at 9 a.m.

### Adult Pickleball

Held Mondays and Fridays from 9 to 11:30 a.m. and Fridays from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Rec Center gymnasium. Just \$2 drop-in fee or membership!

### Yoga

Classes are held on Mondays and Wednesdays from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Participants need to provide their own yoga mat. Teens and adults can join at any time.

### Fitness Center

Check out our fitness center, which consists of elliptical cross trainers, free weights, multistation weight machine, recumbent bike and treadmills.

### FREE Senior Programs

Line dancing, Bel Aire Walkers, sewing and more. Call Sarah for more information.

*\*Group sizes and spectator numbers will be limited to allow for social distancing. Spectators, coaches and staff must wear masks. Players must wear masks except when actively participating.*

**For more info about any Bel Aire rec program, call 744-2700, visit [www.belaireks.gov](http://www.belaireks.gov) or follow us on Facebook @BelAireRec.**

## Community Events

- Dec. 1** — City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall
- Dec 2** — Bel Aire Chamber virtual meeting, noon, RSVP by Dec. 1 to [ssalley@bw53rd.com](mailto:ssalley@bw53rd.com)
- Dec. 2** — Municipal Court, 5:30 and 7 p.m., by appointment only, City Hall
- Dec. 9** — Bel Aire Lions Club, 11:30 a.m., Gospel Assembly

- Church
- Dec. 9** — Utility Advisory Committee, 3 p.m., City Hall
- Dec. 10** — Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m., City Hall
- Dec. 15** — City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall
- Dec. 17** — Municipal Court, 12:30 p.m., by appointment only, City Hall
- Dec. 23** — Bel Aire

- Lions Club, 11:30 a.m., Gospel Assembly Church
- Dec. 24** — Christmas Eve, city offices closed
- Dec. 25** — Christmas Day, city offices closed
- Dec. 31** — New Year's Eve, city offices closed
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# BEL AIRE POLICE REPORTS

**Oct. 15** — A man and his wife from the 7400 block of Summer-side Place came to the Bel Aire Police Station to provide information on the identity of the person responsible for their stolen backyard items. The man said he has house camera video showing the image of an elderly white male, possibly 70 years old, wearing a wide-brimmed hat, hunched over when walking, possibly 5 feet, 10 inches tall, thin to medium in build, wearing a gray colored jacket. The man said nothing more has been stolen from his yard since his original Bel Aire case from September. The man said his missing backyard items (bird feeder, bird bath and Shepherd hooks) are now in the backyard of the suspect. The man has decided he wants to press charges against the suspect.

**Oct. 15** — Officers were dispatched to the 6200 block of East Quail Ridge Court to assist Sedgwick County fire with a reported house fire with one person still inside the house. It was discovered the fire was caused by cooking oil left unattended on the stove, which then traveled to an area rug. The resident put out the fire, burning her foot in the process.

**Oct. 16** — Officer Crice-Scribner assisted a citizen in the 5200 block of North Woodlawn by transporting a child to ComCare.

**Oct. 17** — Officer Smithwick stopped a black Ford Expedition for a defective light in the 5700 block of North Lycee. The vehicle registration was expired. The driver said he did not have a driver's license with him. A check showed the man's license was suspended and expired. The man also had a warrant through Sedgwick County. The man was issued a citation for driving with a suspended license and expired registration. He was given a Bel Aire Municipal Court date and then arrested on the warrant. The suspect's name was not available.

**Oct. 17** — The Bel Aire Police Department assisted Kansas Highway Patrol and Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office Department by directing traffic on a fatality accident in the 9500 block of East 61st North.

**Oct. 18** — Officer Manuel saw a gold Mercedes C-Class fail to dim its high beams at 4800 N. Rock Road. When he turned around, the driver of the Mercedes turned the headlights out and fled. The Mercedes led officers on a vehicle pursuit into Butler County. Chief Atteberry was awakened by dispatch and the pursuit was disregarded. The driver of the car, a 15-year-old, was later apprehended by Butler County sheriff's deputies. The driver was booked into the Juvenile Intake and Assessment Center for felony fleeing and eluding and driving in violation of a learner's permit.

**Oct. 18** — A man from the 8500 block of East Chris reported that his ex-girlfriend stole his vehicle while they were in Wichita. He reported she then returned to his residence and stole a black and silver canister containing silver coins.

**Oct. 18** — Officers Haines and Toomey were dispatched to a reported unruly 11-year-old boy who was refusing to go to his room in the 4800 block of East Ashton. The boy was being violent by hitting and throwing things at his parents. Before officers arrived, the boy calmed down and had gone to his room. The boy's parents have been in contact with the boy's therapist and will make appointments for sessions.

**Oct. 20** — Two runaway juveniles from the Wichita Children's Home asked residents in the 8800 block of East Chris Court for help. The residents called 911 and Sgt. Davis and Officer Manuel responded. The runaways were transported back to the Wichita Children's Home.

**Oct. 20** — A two-vehicle wreck was reported at 53rd and Oliver. A vehicle pulled out in front of another vehicle. A driver was cited for failing to stop at a stop sign.

**Oct. 21** — A man in the 5900 block of East 37th North reported a white 2006 Chevy Silverado with a business logo on both doors and a water tank in the bed was stolen from the parking lot of the business.

**Oct. 22** — A young child called 911 to report his parents were fighting in the 6900 block of East Odessa Court. Sgt. Davis and Officer Gibson made contact with the parents. Both parties advised tonight's argument was verbal only. The man left his house for the night.

**Oct. 23** — A man and his wife from the 4600 block of North Farmstead came to the Bel Aire Police Station to report that a false unemployment claim was filed in their names. The Kansas unemployment claims had each been filed under their respective

Social Security numbers. They both completed witness statements and were given a Bel Aire police case number.

**Oct. 23** — Chief Atteberry cited a driver for speeding, improper turning, failing to yield to an emergency vehicle and window tinting violation. The man admitted that he was going to try to run and evade, but he turned down Fritillary Street. Fritillary is a dead-end street, so he stopped. He was very pleased that he wasn't going to go to jail as he had plans for the weekend.

**Oct. 24** — Officer Steele responded to a barking dog complaint in the 4000 block of North Edinburg Circle. Steele contacted the reporting party who complained about a neighbor's dog. Steele attempted to contact the owner of the dog, but had no success. Later, the dog owner called to speak with Steele so he was informed of the situation and of the local ordinance for barking dogs.

**Oct. 24** — Officer Haines stopped a 2008 Chevrolet Silverado for a passing violation in the 5000 block of North Woodlawn. During contact with the juvenile male driver, Haines detected the odor of raw marijuana coming from inside the vehicle. The youth admitted to having marijuana in the truck, and a search revealed multiple items of paraphernalia and a small amount of raw marijuana in the driver's door pocket and center console. The youth was released into the custody of his mother who stated her son had recently completed a diversion program in Butler County for similar offenses. The youth was issued a juvenile notice to appear in court for possession of marijuana and paraphernalia, and was served a written warning for the traffic violation.

**Oct. 27** — A one-vehicle wreck was reported in the 5300 block of North Lycee. A 2013 Chevy Cruze was eastbound on 53rd when the driver attempted to turn south on Lycee. The roads were ice covered with sleet. The vehicle struck the stop sign and the green power box on the southeast corner of the intersection. The City of Bel Aire Public Works was contacted about the stop sign, and Evergy was contacted about the power box.

**Oct. 27** — Officer Steele responded to the report of a burglary to a house under construction in the 5000 block of North Prestwick Court. Tools were missing from the work site. There was no suspect description or surveillance footage provided at the time of the report.

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**Oct. 27** — A woman in the 4800 block of East Ashton reported her son was having anger issues. The woman tried to take her son to COMCARE but he didn't want to get into the car. Officer Gibson spoke with the boy and got him to go with his mother to COMCARE.

**Oct. 28** — A woman called 911 to report a vehicle parked outside of her residence for about an hour and a half with its lights on and engine running. Officer Smithwick located the vehicle, a silver Acura, and made contact with the occupant who was asleep in the front driver seat. The woman said she got lost and was nodding off while driving, so she parked to take a nap. The woman added she did not have a driver's license, and she thought she had two warrants. Officer Smithwick checked. The woman had two warrants through Wichita and one warrant through Sedgwick County. The woman was arrested and booked on the warrants.

**Oct. 28** — A woman in the 4200 block of North Oliver reported receiving two letters in the mail that contained checks. The letters directed her to deposit a check and then send money to a business. She could keep the money from the second check. It was a scam. The woman did not cash the check, give any personal information or converse with the scammers. The checks and letters were submitted as physical evidence.

**Oct. 29** — Staff with Bel Aire Recovery Center in the 4900 block of North Tierra Lakes Parkway reported a patient overdosed on heroin. Staff reported administering Narcan to the patient. Upon the arrival of the officers, the patient was conscious and able to answer questions. Medic 33 transported the patient to Wesley Woodlawn for further treatment.

Oct. 29 — Officer Toomey was at Zips Car Wash on 37th near Rock Road, where he was approached by a woman who was

distraught and crying. The woman asked for help and explained that many things in her life were not going well. The woman did not want to go to COMCARE, but she did agree to go to St. Joe Hospital Medical Center and check herself in for an evaluation. Toomey drove the woman to the St. Joseph Medical Center emergency room and made sure the woman got inside safely.

**Oct. 30** — Officer Haines responded to a report of an auto theft that had occurred earlier that day in the 4000 block of North Danbury. The calling party said her mother-in-law's car, a red 2008 Dodge Avenger, was parked near her mother-in-law's home when it was taken. The vehicle was allegedly locked. The only known key to the car was in the possession of a family friend who was in Great Bend at the time of theft. The next day the reporting party contacted the Bel Aire Police Department to change the nature of the report. The vehicle owner's son claimed to have forgotten he had parked the "stolen car" at the QuikTrip at 3520 N. Oliver. Officer Steele removed the vehicle from the National Crime Computer, where it had been listed as a stolen vehicle.

**Oct. 30** — While running stationary radar in the 4400 block of North Woodlawn, a 2011 red GMC Sierra was observed speeding by Sgt. Davis. It was discovered that the driver of the truck has never had a driver's license. The man was cited for speeding and for having no driver's license.

**Oct. 30** — Officer Smithwick stopped a red Chrysler Pacifica for failing to stop at the stop sign at 45th and Woodlawn. The driver was found to have a suspended driver's license. She was also unable to provide proof of liability insurance for the vehicle. The woman was issued a citation for running a stop sign, driving without proof of liability insurance and driving with a suspended license.

**Oct. 30** — Officer Smithwick saw a white Mazda 3 parked in the parking lot of Church of the Resurrection in the 5300 block of East 37th North. A records check showed the license plate on the vehicle was stolen out of Wichita, but the license plate was on the vehicle it was registered to. Smithwick was unable to locate contact information for the registered owner. Since the license plate was reported as stolen, Smithwick removed it from the vehicle and placed into Bel Aire police evidence.

**Nov. 1** — Officer Smithwick saw a gray Silverado parked at 4800 E. 48th for a long time with its blinker on. When she went to check it, she found the driver did not have a valid driver's license. The driver was cited.

**Nov. 1** — Officer Manuel stopped a silver Dodge Avenger for speeding in the 5500 block of East 37th North. During the stop, Manuel located marijuana and open liquor bottles in the vehicle. Robert Lee Heard of Kansas City, Mo. was arrested on charges of DUI, driving with a suspended license, transporting an open container of alcohol and possession of marijuana.

**Nov. 1** — Officer Smithwick stopped a silver Nissan Altima for failing to stop at a stop sign in the 6300 block of East 45th North. Smithwick could smell an odor of consumed alcoholic beverage coming from the driver's breath. Madison Chromy of Bel Aire was arrested on charges of DUI and a Sedgwick County warrant.

**Nov. 2** — A manager for Tree Top Nursery in the 5900 block of East 37th North called to report a white 2005 Chevrolet Silverado extended cab pickup was stolen from the business sometime between 6:30 p.m. Oct. 30 and 7 a.m. Nov. 2. The vehicle was later located, stripped of its engine, transmission and tag at Lincoln and Mosely in Wichita.

**Nov. 3** — Officer Manuel was dispatched to a 911 hang-up in the 4200 block of North Edgemoor. A woman reported that a man punched her, pulled her hair and threw her into a dresser. The woman had injuries to her face. Julius Randal Stokley, no address available, was arrested on a charge of domestic violence. He also had a felony pick-up for aggravated domestic violence battery from a separate case.

**Nov. 3** — A man in the 4200 block of North Oliver reported a trailer registered to Gospel Assembly Church had been stolen between 10 a.m. Nov. 1 and 11 a.m. Nov. 2. The man had no information on the trailer, such as the license plate number or the vehicle identification number information.

**Nov. 3** — Officer Steele backed Lt. Trumbull of the Kechi

Police Department on a traffic stop in the 4600 block of North Woodlawn. Steele issued a citation to the driver of the car for running a stop sign and no driver's license. Trevon Ezekiel Valentine of Wichita was arrested on a warrant.

**Nov. 3** — Officer Steele responded to a call from a resident at the Catholic Care Center regarding a misinterpretation of her residency at the center.

**Nov. 4** — A man in the 4100 block of North Battin reported little kids who play near his property had advised him that his fence had been cut. A three-foot section of fence had been cut, and a section was missing.

**Nov. 4** — A man reported damage to a storage container and the loss of property in the 5100 block of North Villa Place. Stolen was a Stihl backpack leaf blower, a Stihl wet saw and a Ryobi chop saw.

**Nov. 4** — A woman reported that she believed her telephone had been taken by her estranged husband while at St. Francis Hospital in Wichita.

**Nov. 5** — Officer Smithwick stopped a blue GMC Jimmy for defective equipment in the 4400 block of North Woodlawn. The driver said his driver's license was suspended. Smithwick confirmed the man's driver's license was suspended. The man was issued a citation for the vehicle defect and driving with a suspended license.

**Nov. 5** — A woman in the 5900 block of East 41st North reported finding damage to her vehicle. The interior had significant damage and blood was found inside from the suspect. The Wichita Police Department was conducting an investigation that identified the woman's brother as the suspect in the vandalism. He had documents from her vehicle in his possession.

**Nov. 5** — A man was driving west on 45th Street and failed to stop at the stop sign at the intersection of 45th and Woodlawn. Sgt. Davis stopped the vehicle and contacted the driver and smelled the odor of burnt marijuana coming from the car. During a search of the car, contraband was located. The contraband was seized and the driver was cited for running the stop sign. Investigation is ongoing.

**Nov. 6** — While patrolling Bel Aire, Officer Smithwick found a blue Nissan Sentra with its driver's side door completely open in the 5800 block of East Memphis. The vehicle was unoccupied and parked in the road. Smithwick saw the center console and glove box were open, and papers and personal items were on the front driver's side seat. Smithwick attempted to make contact with the resident and registered owner, but there was no answer at the door. The vehicle was secured.

**Nov. 5** — Officers were dispatched to a domestic violence incident in the 8500 block of East Chris. Officers found marks on the victim's back, which she said came from the suspect. She said the suspect dragged her out of a chair onto a concrete floor. Officers arrested the suspect on a charge of domestic violence. The suspect's name was not available.

**Nov. 6** — A woman from the 4400 block of North Eagle Lake called to report that someone entered her unsecured vehicle and took her purse and wallet. Later, a neighbor discovered some of the stolen property and called police to turn it in. The woman identified the purse as hers and it was returned.

**Nov. 6** — A vehicle was stopped in the 4400 block of North Oliver after a police chase. The driver told police that she tried to get away from police because she didn't have car seats for her four children, who were ages 4 years, 3 years, 3 years and 18 months. Ashley Anne Gray of Andover was arrested on charges of fleeing or attempting to elude police, four counts of child restraint under 4 violations, speeding, running a stop sign, passing on the right, no driver's license in possession and child endangerment. Police did

not know during the pursuit there were children in the vehicle.

**Nov. 6** — A woman in the 5800 block of East Danbury reported that an unknown person used her debit card and placed an online order through Sam's Club in the amount of \$859.29.

**Nov. 6** — A man in the 5700 block of East Perryton called Bel Aire police to report that his 2007 Lincoln SUV had been stolen. The vehicle was parked on the street in front of his home. The man stated that his car was locked, and a car key had been left inside the front seat center console. There was no evidence of forced entry into the vehicle.

**Nov. 6** — A man from the 5600 block of East Memphis went to the Bel Aire Police Department to report that during the night an unknown person entered his unlocked GMC Sierra. The thief took his black 9-mm handgun with a loaded 10-round magazine that he had left unsecured in the vehicle.

**Nov. 7** — A woman from the 5600 block of East Memphis called to report the interior of her unlocked vehicle had been ransacked. The woman reported nothing appeared to have been missing except for change.

**Nov. 7** — Officer Toomey received a call of some stolen keys from the 5700 block of East Flagstaff. The man explained that he came home on Tuesday from his job and put his bags and keys near his front door. The next day, he checked the area near the front door where he last laid his keys, and they were missing. He did not have any suspects and no doors or windows were damaged. The man said that sometimes he has a homeless person use his residence. The man also said that he frequently misplaces his keys. The man later called and advised that he located his keys.

**Nov. 8** — A woman called the Bel Aire Police Department regarding a small snake in her apartment in the 5700 block of North Lycee. She wanted police to remove it. Officers Steele and Toomey arrived and were ready to take on the creature. The woman pointed to a back bedroom where the snake was last seen. The officers moved items around in the room and located no snake. The woman described the snake as six to eight inches long with black and green markings.

**Nov. 9** — Officers Crice and Steele responded to a check welfare call in the 9500 block of East 45th North. They arrived and located a subject who had run away from a Wichita group home. The teen was taken back to the group home and the open runaway case was cleared.

**Nov. 9** — Officer Trumbull topped a 2010 Chevrolet Malibu in the 5300 block of North Webb for an expired license plate. The driver had a suspended driver's license, a Sedgwick County warrant, and a City of Wichita warrant. Glenn Nathaniel Johnson of Wichita was cited for violations and was then arrested on the warrants.

**Nov. 10** — Officer Steele stopped a vehicle for speeding in the 5400 block of North Webb. The driver was cited for speeding and driving with a suspended license.

**Nov. 10** — Officer Gibson assisted the Kechi Police Department with towing a stolen car that was involved in an earlier pursuit in the 500 block of West 37th North. He stood by with the vehicle until the tow company arrived. The vehicle was towed to the Kechi Police Department. He stayed at the Kechi Police Department until a Kechi officer returned from booking the

driver into Sedgwick County Adult Detention Facility.

**Nov. 11** — Officer Manuel towed a vehicle that had previously been marked for tow in the 4200 block of North Edgemoor.

**Nov. 12** — A woman reported that an unknown person broke out the right rear door glass of her Blue 2017 Toyota Corolla. The suspect then entered the front seat of the car and stole a purse that contained a wallet, a driver's license, two debit cards and miscellaneous personal items. No evidence was left behind by the suspect.

**Nov. 12** — A two-vehicle wreck was reported at 45th and Woodlawn. A blue Hyundai Sonata stopped at the stop sign facing east on 45th at Woodlawn. The driver then proceeded to pull through the intersection. The driver of a black Lexus SUV failed to stop at the northbound stop sign on Woodlawn and struck the Hyundai Sonata in the passenger side front door and fender. The impact was severe enough to cause airbag deployment. The Hyundai was disabled. A passenger in the Hyundai received minor injuries to her right arm. The driver of the Lexus received a citation for running the stop sign and inattentive driving.

**Nov. 12** — A woman reported her foster son walked away from her home. He was located at the Dollar General at 45th and Woodlawn. He decided he wanted to go back home.

**Nov. 13** — Officer Toomey stopped a 16-year-old for speeding in the 4100 block of North Oliver. The driver first tried to fool Toomey with a story that she just did not have her license with her. After doing some checking, Toomey discovered the driver had never been licensed. The driver then explained that she was taking her driver's license exam sometime in the near future. Having had enough of the stories, Toomey called the driver's father, who arrived to drive her home. The driver was issued a citation for the violations.

**Nov. 13** — Bel Aire police were sent to the 4300 block of North Edgemoor to check a vehicle. Police found a 2007 white Lincoln MKX that had been reported stolen earlier in the month. A man in the area said the car appeared on Nov. 6 and had not moved since then. The key was still in the ignition. The vehicle's owner came to the scene and claimed his vehicle.

**Nov. 13** — Sgt. Davis saw a silver BMW SUV commit several moving violations while in the area of 3900 N. Edgemoor. He stopped the vehicle after the driver slammed on the brakes and turned in front of him, nearly causing a collision. To his surprise, Davis discovered the driver was a 12-year-old girl. She was getting driving instructions from a man known to the Bel Aire police who should not be giving anyone driving lessons. After some investigation, the man was cited for allowing a minor to operate a motor vehicle. The man was instructed to get the child back to their residence and give no further driving instructions.

**Nov. 13** — Officer Haines topped a gray 2014 Hyundai Elantra for speeding in the 4700 block of North Oliver. The driver provided a Colorado driver's license that came back as cancelled. The driver claimed she was unaware that she was required to surrender her license and obtain a Kansas driver's license after she moved to Kansas almost three years ago. The woman was issued citations for the violations.



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## DELBERT HINCKLE JR.

Hinckle, Delbert Garnand, Jr., 92, retired accounting and credit manager for the Kansas Turnpike Authority went to be with his Savior, The Lord Jesus, on November 2, 2020. He was born on September 9, 1928 in Topeka, Kansas to Delbert and Fern (Ericsson) Hinckle. He was married for 62 years to Gladys (Reiners) Hinckle, until her passing in

2019. He is survived by their two daughters, Sheila (Robert) Whetstone of Temple, Texas, and Angie (Alan) Herbert of Benton, Kansas. He was one of the first members on the Bel Aire city council. Due to COVID-19 concerns, the family will have a private graveside. Visitation will be on Thursday November 5, 2020 from 5 to 7pm at Hillside Funeral Home, 2929 W. 13th St. N., Wichita, family will not be present. Memorials can be made to Moriah Class Missionary Fund c/o of First Evangelical Free Church or American Kidney Fund.



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### Christmas at City Hall

Public works has been designing and building two tree light displays for the upcoming 40th anniversary holiday event at City Hall. The tallest tree is 22 feet tall and has about 7,000 lights. The city will celebrate 40 years with a drive-by event at 6 p.m. Dec. 5 to view these tree light displays and wave at Santa on the balcony. Fireworks will begin at 7 p.m. and can be seen from the Isely and Northeast Magnet parking lots. The city has also been celebrating by giving out prizes to those who can correctly answer Bel Aire trivia questions on social media.



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### Founding father

Delbert Hinckle Jr., who died Nov. 2, joined the city to celebrate its 40th anniversary at the kick-off celebration in January. He was one of the first members of the Bel Aire City Council, elected in the first election in 1981. Hinckle was one of the early leaders that helped shaped the community.

November, they voted to allow Bel Aire to be formally incorporated as a city and the county adopted the official order of incorporation.

**February 17, 1981**  
Bel Aire's first election! A total of 17 candidates sought 6 seats. Winners were Bill Cox, Charles Eaton, Delbert Hinkle, Geene Postlethwaite, and Patricia Morgan. Bill Brookhouser became Bel Aire's first Mayor.

**September 2, 1981**  
Boundaries established.

**October 3, 1981**  
Bel Aire holds first Celebration Day marking a time of hope and expectations.

**March 1982**  
Bel Aire residents learned the shocking news: Sedgwick County District Judge Michael Corrigan overturned the county's decision to incorporate, arguing that county officials had not fully considered whether the decision was really in the area's best interest.  
Bel Aire leaders vowed to fight for their city!

**April 13, 1982**  
Bel Aire residents marched on Wichita's City Hall to show a united front against Wichita's objections against Bel Aire's incorporation.

**October 22, 1982**  
The Kansas Supreme Court handed down the final judgment affirming incorporation.



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### Proper place

Many residents, especially during the pandemic, are bringing their dogs to the Bel Aire Recreation Center property on East 45th North. Most obey Bel Aire's leash law and clean up after their own dog. But there are a few who don't, city officials said. It is not the responsibility of city staff to clean up after resident's dogs. Dog waste stations have now been installed at the recreation center as in other city parks to assist residents.



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### Taste of Italy

The Bel Aire Lions Club had its annual Taste of Italy dinner on Nov. 14. The meal consisted of pasta, secret sauce and handmade meatballs. The turnout was better than expected with the virus. Meals were either eaten in or carried out, which allowed safe options.



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### A Keeper

Northeast Magnet School unveiled "The Keeper of the Griffins" in late October. The statue was designed by Citlalli Hernandez and Amal Usmani and painted by Amy Baber, Macee Escalada, Darleny Rubio and Luz Ordonez-Samaniego, with oversight by the school's Visual Art Department. This is the 51st Keeper of the Plains statue in Wichita.

### Radios

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said he found at least 10 examples of CARES Act funding being used similarly in other cities.

The approved bid came via Sedgwick County's contract with Motorola Solutions. It is for an amount not to exceed \$82,482.32. In other business Nov. 3, the council:  
•Proclaimed Nov. 11 Veterans Day.  
•Unanimously approved the

consent agenda, including a fireworks display permit for the city's 40th anniversary celebration Dec. 5 and appropriations ordinance 20-20 in the amount of \$667,662.47.  
•Unanimously approved an agreement with Baughman Co. LLC for engineering services in Chapel Landing 3rd Addition, located between Woodlawn and

Oliver on 53rd North just west of Bristol Hollows.  
•Unanimously approved an ordinance amending backflow inspection requirements in the city.  
•Unanimously accepted a bid of \$53,150 for a cloud-based telephone system from Ideatek. Council member Diane Wynn was absent.

### City

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colleagues ... was much more than his professionalism and skills. They could tell he believed strongly in the importance of staff development, innovation and mentoring."  
Sexton said Lasher was chosen for his promotion of innovation and teamwork in Bel Aire. She said KACM has recognized Lasher's

ability to elevate staff members around him by being open to new ideas and opportunities and fostering an environment of progress.  
"(Lasher) is a role model for the next generation of government leaders who are inspired by his integrity and his commitment," said Sexton. "Like Buford, Ty has created a legacy of excellence in Bel Aire since 2007, and before that in Cheney and other communities. ... He consistently

displays the highest ideals of the profession and I am thankful to have him as a colleague."  
After accepting the plaque from Sexton, Lasher expressed thanks to the KACM, the City of Bel Aire and his family. He said he was surprised to receive the award.  
"It really means a lot because it comes from my fellow managers and my

peers," said Lasher. "It makes it extra special that they would believe I'm deserving of this. ... I thank my staff for what they did and I'm looking forward to reading what they said for me to be able to win such an award. It's about the team and I've always had a great team around me. We've always had a great staff and mayors and council members that have

been able to get a lot accomplished and I appreciate them. ... And obviously I can't thank my wife and kids enough. ... As city managers, we're held to a high standard because we represent the community and I've done my personal

best to make sure I represent the city well — and that's kind of tough sometimes on your spouse and kids, but I really appreciate their support while I'm going to council meetings at night and missing events and working on Saturdays."

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